


Section II (Remarks)**Amendment of Claims 9, 10, 11 and 40**

Claims 9, 10, 11 and 40 have been amended herein, to remove "means-function" terminology therefrom. These claims as amended therefore involve no new matter within the meaning of 35 USC 132, and are in appropriate form for issuance of the patent on the application.

Confirmation of Submission of Formal Drawings Submitted in Amendment Filed March 10, 2005

The April 21, 2005 Notice of Allowability issued in this application indicated that the drawings filed on September 9, 2003 were excepted by the Examiner. It nonetheless is noted that formal drawings were submitted with the Amendment filed March 10, 2005, in replacement of the originally filed drawings of the application. The March 10, 2005 formal drawings therefore are the proper drawings for publication in the Letters Patent for this application.¹

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